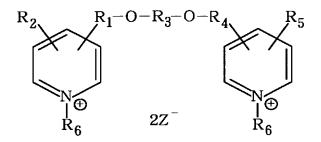
## **ABSTRACT**

Provided are novel pyridine compounds represented by the following formula (7):

## Formula (7)



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_4$  may be the same or different and are each a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;  $R_2$  and  $R_5$  are hydrogen atoms, or may be the same or different and are each a halogen atom, lower alkyl group or lower alkoxy group;  $R_3$  is a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms;  $R_6$  is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; and Z is a chlorine atom, bromine atom or iodine atom or an  $OSO_2R_7$  group in which  $R_7$  is a lower alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group. Also provided is their production process, which can easily provide them at low cost from readily-available pyridine compounds as starting raw materials.